(b) The views on this point are yet to be crystallised.

(c) The wetleased Soviet aircraft would be flown by Soviet crew. The ICPA have stated that the induction of Soviet aircraft with foreign pilots would reduce their workload and would compromise vith the security of the country. Soviet crews are, however, already flying aircraft wetleased by Air India from Aeroflot in the past. Therefore, there is nothing new in the use of Soviet pilots on aircraft leased by an Indian Carrier.

(d) Yes, Sir. The Commercial arrangement for joint operations have not been worked out between the two airlines.

**Foreign Exchange Earnings by Tourism Indusrty**

*6. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the total income in foreign exchange in the tourism industry during the last three years;

(b) whether after the declaration of tourism as an industry, there has been an increase in the proposals for construction of new hotels and expansion of existing hotels; and

(c) whether the Institutional Financing Agencies, both central and in the States, have been given necessary guidance to consider tourism as an Industry and thereby effect consequential changes in the liberalisation of financing pattern?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The estimated foreign exchange earnings from tourism during the last three years are:—

| Year | Rs. crores |
|---|---|
| 1985-86. | 1460 |
| 1986-87. | 1780 |
| 1987-88. | 1890 |

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

**Conversion of Railway Lines**

*7. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 92 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th November, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the total amount required for the ongoing projects of Railways for conversion of metre gauge lines into broad gauge in different parts of the country;

(b) what is the portion of Manmad-Parbhani-Parli-Vaijnath rail line converted and the amount spent so far;

(c) what was the total estimated cost of the conversion of this line; and

(d) by when the conversion of Manmad-Parli and Adilabad-parbhani lines would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Rs. 504 crores (Ruppees five hundred and four crores) approximately.

(b) No portion of this rail line has been completed. Approximately Rs. 14 crores have been spent upto 31.12.88.

(c) The original estimated cost of the conversion, as approved in 1974-75, was Rs. 28 crores.

(d) Their completion will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

**Reconstituting the Boards of Directors of Air India and Indian Airlines**

*8. SHRI N.E. BALARAM:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the experiments of involving private sector personnel in the management of public sector airlines has proved to be a failure;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to reconstitute the Boards of Air India and Indian Airlines; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Appropriate decisions will be taken at the appropriate time.

**Promotion of Urdu in Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas**

*9. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make some special provision for allocation of funds to the State Governments for appointment of Urdu Teachers to promote urdu in the areas predominantly inhabitated by Muslims;

(b) if so, what amount is proposed to be provided to Madhya Pradesh for this purpose;

(c) whether any steps are being taken to promote study of Urdu in Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas; and

(d) if so, what is the number of Urdu teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has introduced teaching of Urdu as a third language under Three-Language Formula in 5 Kendriya Vidyalayas in Haryana, 4 in Madhya Pradesh, 8 in Jammu and Kashmir and 10 in Uttar Pradesh.

Arrangements for teaching in Urdu medium have been provided in 9 Navodaya Vidyalayas in Jammu and Kashmir where students study in that medium prior to their admission in Navodaya Vidyalayas. Urdu teachers have also been provided in 9 Navodaya Vidyalayas in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh whose students will be exchanged with the Navodaya Vidyalayas in Jammu and Kashmir when they reach Class IX.

(d) 27 posts of part-time teachers/instructors have been sanctioned for teaching Urdu in Kendriya Vidyalayas. As regards Navodaya Vidyalayas, there are 18 Urdu teachers.